Axecutive Aroclamation State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Excessive stress and mental disorders, maladies that are estimated to cost our nation nearly sixty-five billion dollars annually, are also guilty of draining strength and vitality from our people; and,

WHEREAS, Mental Illness is an ubiquitous, yet often ignored, condition. It can affect one in every three families, it is estimated that twenty percent of the population needs some kind of treatment for it, and in the elderly, as many as twenty-five percent of those mistakenly labeled "senile" are in fact suffering from some treatable mental illness; and,

WHEREAS, Mental illness and stress can sap the strength of our nation. They can send our citizens to the hospital with psychosomatic and stress-related disorders, and they often result in the use of unnecessary medical and surgical services; and,

WHEREAS, Fortunately, mental illness is a treatable disability, and nearly two-thirds of all mentally ill patients show significant signs of improvement or recovery after treatment; and,

WHEREAS, For their support and devotion to the treatment and care of the mentally ill, it is fitting that we salute the family members, volunteers, and qualified health professionals who make mental health and well-being their number one lifetime goal for all Americans:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 10-16, 1983, as

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

in South Dakota.



ATTEST:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

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